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Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133**Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:**

1.  Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
2.  Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
3.  Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
4.  Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
5.  Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
6.

**Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION**1.  Claims 14 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims \_\_\_\_\_ are withdrawn from consideration.

2.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ have been cancelled.3.  Claims 4-13 are allowed.4.  Claims 1-3 and 14 are rejected.5.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are objected to.6.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.7.  This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.8.  Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.9.  The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on \_\_\_\_\_. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are  acceptable;  not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).10.  The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has (have) been  approved by the examiner;  disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).11.  The proposed drawing correction, filed \_\_\_\_\_ has been  approved;  disapproved (see explanation).12.  Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has  been received  not been received.  been filed in parent application, serial no. \_\_\_\_\_; filed on \_\_\_\_\_.13.  Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.14.  Other \_\_\_\_\_**EXAMINER'S ACTION**

**STATEMENT OF STATUTORY BASIS 35 U.S.C. 102**

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

**REJECTION 35 U.S.C. 102(b) PATENT OR PUBLICAITON**

Claims 1-3 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97 33858 published 18 Sept. 1997. See claims 1, 4, 7, 9-11 of the reference.

Claims 4-13 are allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Killos whose telephone number is 703-308-0135. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday; alternate Mondays 9 am-3 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 703-308-4532. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3592 for regular communications and 703-305-3592 for After Final communications.

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